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19 September 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Theodore M. Nordbeck
Acting Chief, Accessions and Distribution Division
Department of State

SUBJECT: Allocation List of Soviet Publications

1. In response to a request by Mr. Picon of your office, we are transmitting our reaction to your allocations list of Soviet newspapers and periodicals from Moscow for 1952:

a. The first and second priority proposed for CIA are acceptable to us.

b. Although we should have liked to return a reasoned argument on some of the other titles, we suggest in the interest of getting on with the job that you agree to send us on request certain of these publications after you have processed them, so that we can microfilm and return them within 24 hours.

2. Naturally, we will continue to supplement our receipts from FPO Moscow as necessary through other sources.

3. In view of the difficulties that have developed in getting a CIA reaction to this allocation we wonder if it would not be better in the future to examine the whole question of allocations through group consultation among the agencies concerned.

4. These procedures, of course, are advanced as an interim solution to the immediate problem and should not be considered as establishing a policy. We are, as you know, looking into the whole question of exploitation of foreign publications and documents and cannot for the present further commit ourselves.

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